UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TEODORO GARCIA, et al.,

Plaintiffs, : <u>ORDER</u>

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19 Civ. 3518 (GWG)

PROGRESSIVE MAINTENANCE LLC, et al.,

Defendants. : .----X

GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This case contains one or more claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act. In light of the requirements of <u>Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.</u>, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015), the parties must file a joint letter or motion that addresses whether the settlement is fair and reasonable.

Any such letter or motion shall be filed by March 15, 2021, and should address the claims and defenses, the defendants' potential monetary exposure and the bases for any such calculations, the strengths and weaknesses of the plaintiffs' case and the defendants' defenses, any other factors that justify the discrepancy between the potential value of plaintiffs' claims and the settlement amount, the litigation and negotiation process, as well as any other issues that might be pertinent to the question of whether the settlement is reasonable (for example, the collectability of any judgment if the case went to trial).

The joint letter or motion should also explain the attorney fee arrangement, attach a copy of the retainer agreement, and provide information as to actual attorney's fees expended. Finally, a copy of the settlement agreement itself must accompany the joint letter or motion.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2021

New York, New York

GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN United States Magistrate Judge

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